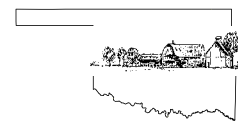




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## Small Grain Planting Has Started

**August 29** - This past week was filled with typical August weather for Oklahoma; windy, dry and hot. The dry weather allowed more days suitable for field work. Producers spent many of these days fertilizing and getting ready to plant small grains. Wheat seeding got underway last week and was running just a little ahead of normal. Wheat and rye seedings were at 3 and 5 percent, respectively. The windy, hot weather did cause the topsoil moisture supplies to slip from last week but conditions were still much better than a year ago. Topsoil moisture was 2 percent surplus, 73 percent adequate, 21 percent short, and 4 percent very short. Subsoil moisture was 2 percent surplus, 73 percent adequate, 19 percent short, and 6 percent very short. Days suitable for field work during the week were 6.1.

### TOPSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	4	21	73	2
Last Week	4	10	83	3
Last Year	41	33	22	4

### SUBSOIL MOISTURE BY PERCENT

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
This Week	6	19	73	2
Last Week	6	17	75	2
Last Year	35	46	18	1

**Small Grains:** Wheat seedbed preparations jumped 22 points last week to 64 percent complete compared to the five-year average of 55 percent and last year's average of 49 percent. Seedbed preparations for oats went up 9 points to 45 percent but this was still one point below the five-year average. Rye seedbed prepared was at 56 percent complete.

**Row Crops:** Conditions for summer crops were mostly good. Corn harvest activities have increased with reports of good yields. Corn in the dough stage increased 8 points to 98 percent and 45 percent of the corn had matured. Twenty-one percent of the corn was harvested which was behind last year's average of 27 percent and the five-year average of 23 percent. Sorghum progress was also slightly behind average with 82 percent headed, 41 percent coloring, 19 percent mature, and 3 percent harvested. The five-year average for sorghum is 83 percent headed, 44 percent coloring, 20 percent mature, and 7 percent harvested. Soybean blooming increased seven points to 90 percent. Seventy-nine percent of the soybeans were setting pods and 13 percent were mature. Soybean harvest began last week with 2 percent of the crop harvested. Most of the peanut crop had set pods and 32 percent were mature. Cotton made good progress this week with the hot weather

prompting the bolls to open on 21 percent of the crop which was ahead of the five-year average of 15 percent.

### ROW CROPS CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 29, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	0	1	12	30	57
Soybeans	0	1	28	54	17
Peanuts	0	4	18	65	13
Cotton	1	1	41	49	8
Sorghum	0	1	12	56	31

**Hay:** The hot, dry weather was beneficial to hay producers as the fourth cutting of alfalfa jumped to 85 percent and the fifth cutting jumped to 23 percent. Both of these were considerably ahead of the five-year average. Three-fourths of the second cutting of other hay was complete.

### HAY CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 29, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	1	22	58	19
Other Hay	0	2	27	55	16

**Miscellaneous Commodities:** Watermelon harvest was 97 percent complete, with conditions mostly fair. Peaches and pecans were mostly in good condition. An average nut set was still expected although there have been some insect and disease pressures.

**Pasture:** The hot, dry weather, especially around the Panhandle, was causing some strain on pastures. However, pasture conditions still remain very good with 80 percent of them in good to excellent condition.

**Livestock:** Livestock conditions were good to excellent with very strong markets. Livestock insect activity was mostly moderate and death loss of cattle was light. The market was still strong for cattle. Feeder steers dropped in price this week by fifty-five cents down to \$120.91. Feeder heifers also dropped this week to \$113.87.

### LIVESTOCK CONDITION BY PERCENT

Week Ending August 29, 2004

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Livestock	0	1	13	56	30
Pasture & Range	1	2	17	57	23

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OKLAHOMA CROP PROGRESS  
Week Ending August 29, 2004

Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.	Item	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Yr Avg.
Wheat -					Soybeans -				
Seedbed Prepared	64	42	49	55	Blooming	90	83	92	90
Planted	3	n/a	1	2	Setting Pods	79	71	79	77
Oats -					Mature	13	n/a	16	21
Seedbed Prepared	45	36	37	46	Harvested	2	n/a	5	6
Rye					Peanuts -				
Seedbed Prepared	56	n/a	n/a	n/a	Setting Pods	99	92	99	97
Planted	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	Mature	32	10	32	17
Corn -					Cotton -				
Dough	98	90	97	97	Setting Bolls	98	93	94	97
Mature	45	37	45	45	Bolls Opening	21	9	21	15
Harvested	21	5	27	23	Alfalfa -				
Sorghum -					4 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	85	69	48	54
Headed	82	75	83	83	5 <sup>th</sup> Cutting	23	11	n/a	n/a
Coloring	41	36	48	44	Other Hay -				
Mature	19	7	20	20	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cutting	75	72	68	65
Harvested	3	1	7	7	Watermelons -				
					Harvested	97	96	98	97

**Weather for Week Ending August 29, 2004** - Temperatures ranged from 50 degrees at Boise City on Saturday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, to 104 degrees at Cherokee on Thursday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. Soil temperatures averaged 73 degrees at Tahlequah and Acme on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, to 89 degrees at Idabel, McAlester, and Mangum on Friday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. Precipitation for this week was not available at the time of this release.

MESONET TEMPERATURE AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
Week Ending August 29, 2004

Districts	Temperature			Precipitation			
	High	Low	Average	This Week	March 1, 2004 to August 29, 2004		
					Total	Departure from Normal	Percent of Normal
	Degrees			Inches			
Panhandle	89	60	75	Not Available	15.72	+1.07	107
West Central	93	68	80		19.63	+1.19	106
Southwest	93	69	81		17.89	- 0.87	95
North Central	93	69	81		20.83	+0.70	103
Central	91	71	81		22.01	+0.01	100
South Central	91	72	80		22.48	+0.02	100
Northeast	89	71	80		27.77	+3.86	116
East Central	90	72	80		26.05	+1.21	105
Southeast	91	72	81		23.76	- 2.38	91